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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Thursday, January 01, 2015

Issued: 0800 CT

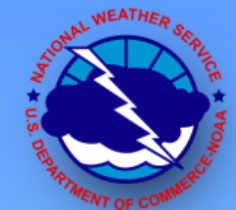
Day 1 Hazards: Sleet/freezing rain mix continues over much of W, NW and into Central TX as well as OK and AR this morning and continues into Friday.

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Key Points



Today

- **Ice accumulations (freezing rain/sleet) over much of W/NW and Central TX as well as OK and NW AR resulting in continued travel impacts**
 - Freezing rain and sleet remain possible from NW TX through Central OK and N AR all day
 - Heavier rain expected over E TX, S AR and LA as temperatures rise above freezing
 - Temperatures remain below freezing through Friday, so little melting expected
 - Travel impacts expected in all areas with light ice amounts (glaze – 0.10 inches)

Friday - Saturday

- Freezing rain/sleet possible across NW/N TX into OK through Friday evening
- Another round of snow expected over much of Western and Central NM on Friday
- Strong thunderstorms with heavy rain expected late Friday/Saturday over SE TX, E OK, AR and LA

Sunday - Monday

- No significant weather hazards expected

*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Jan 1, 2015 - Jan 5, 2015

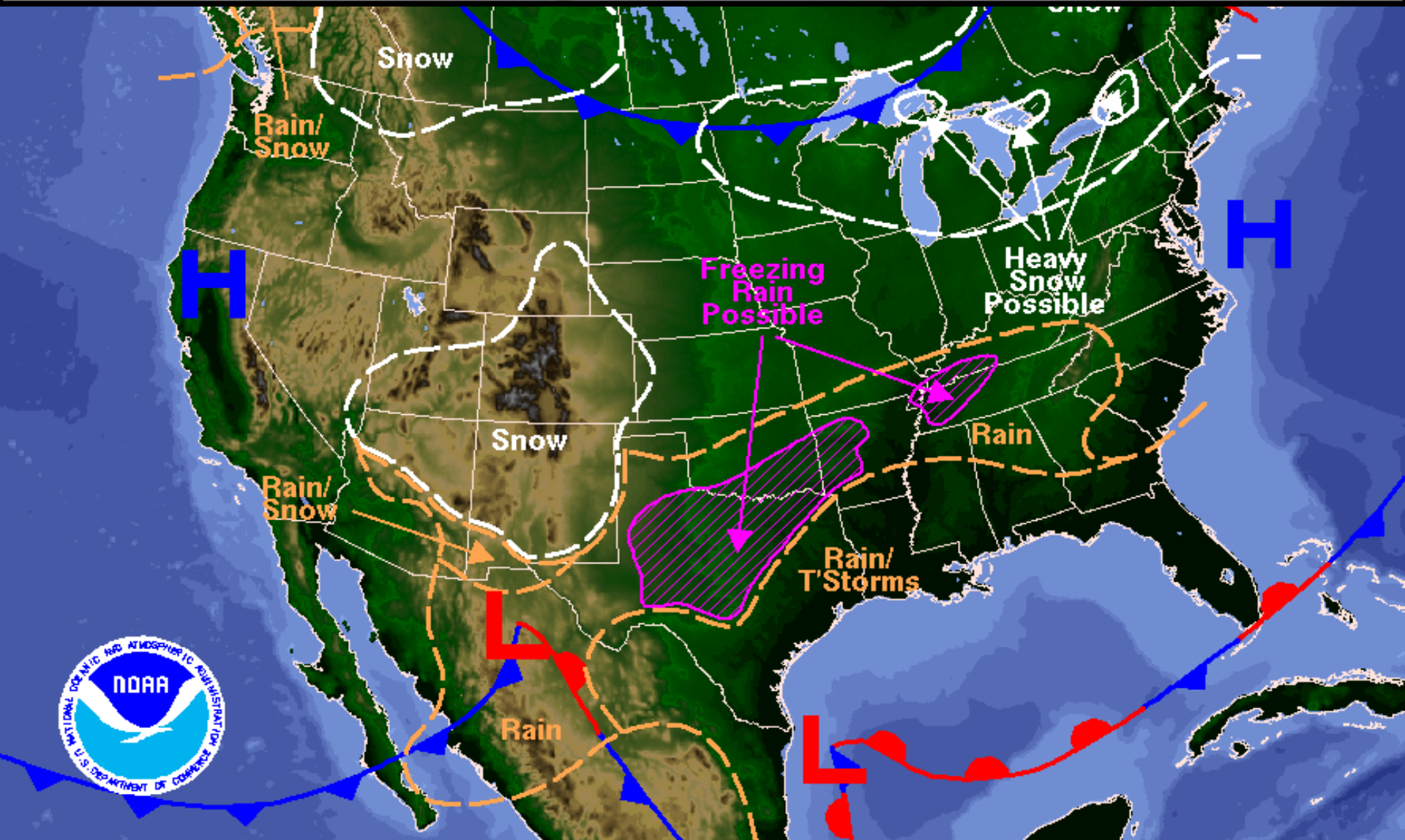
DAY/ THREAT	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
Severe Storms		srn LA	srn LA		
Heavy Rain /Flooding	Late – E TX/LA	E TX/LA	SE LA		
Wind					
Cold					
Winter	AM – NW & W TX PM – OK, N AR	NM, TX/OK panhandle, OK			

	High Threat
	Moderate Threat
	Slight Threat
	No Discernible Threat

*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.



Today's Weather



Weather Forecast for Thu, Jan 01, 2015, issued 4:13 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

Day 1 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Thu - 0800 Fri



More snow
Thursday into
Friday

Area of freezing rain/sleet expected
Thursday (New Year's Day)
Travel impacts possible



High Threat

Moderate Threat

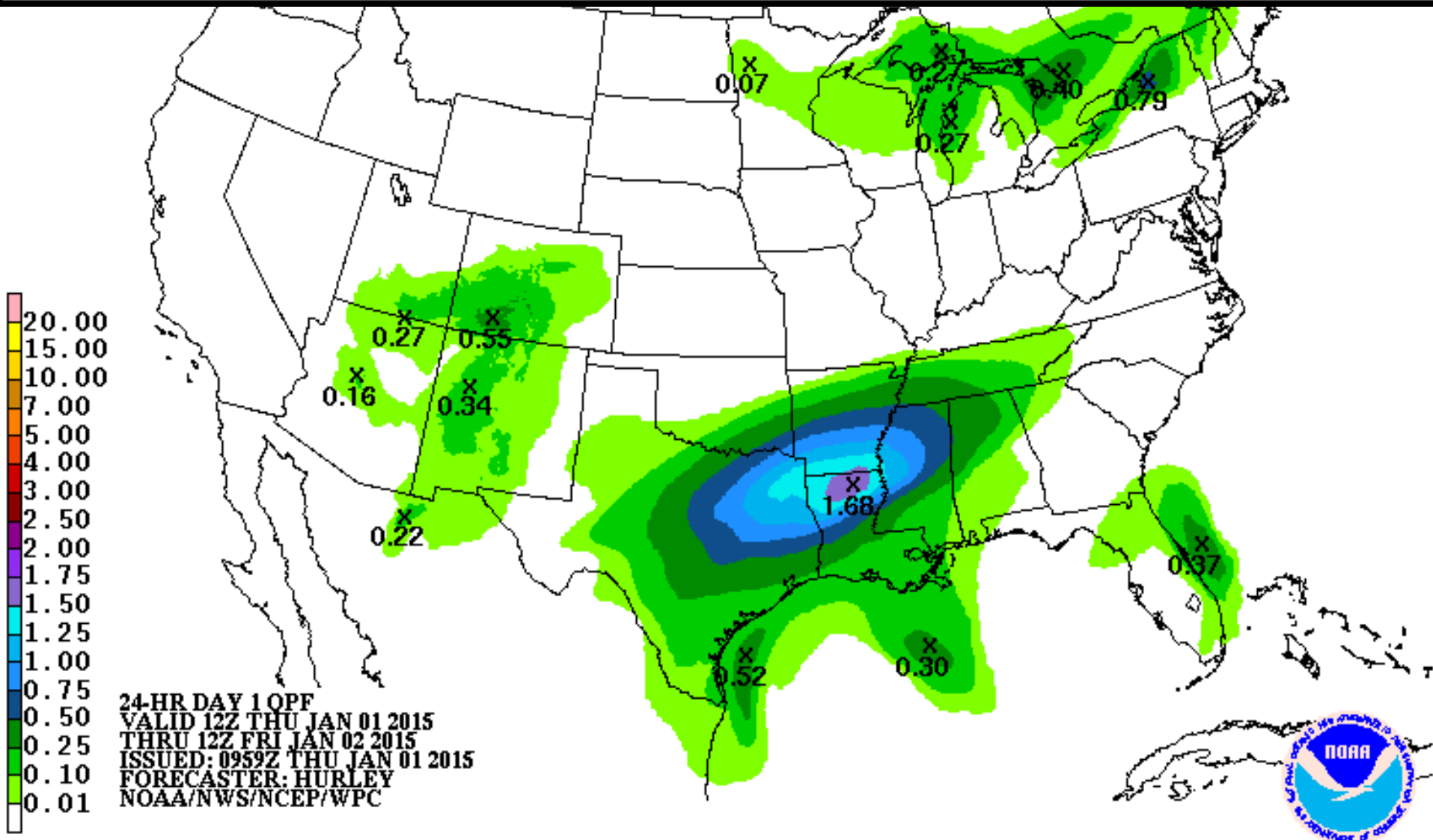
Slight Threat

No Discernible Threat

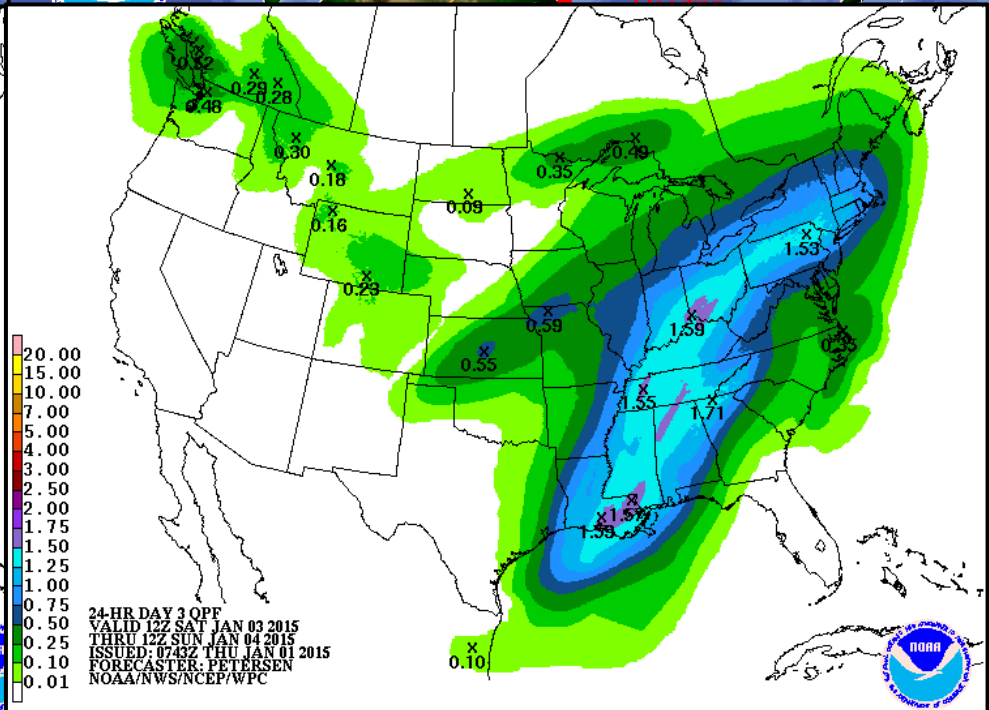
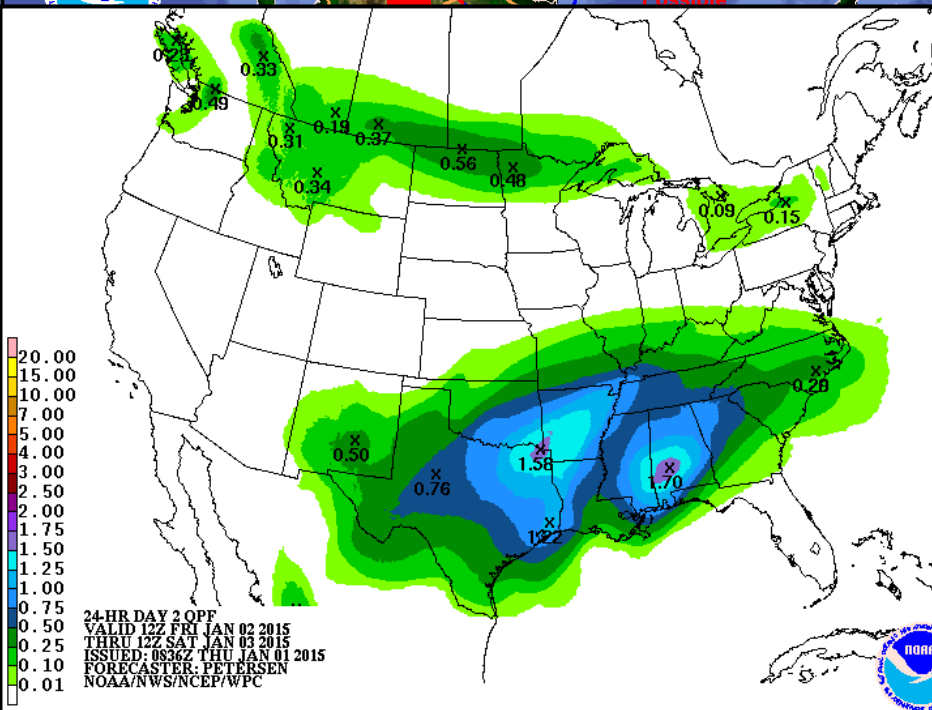
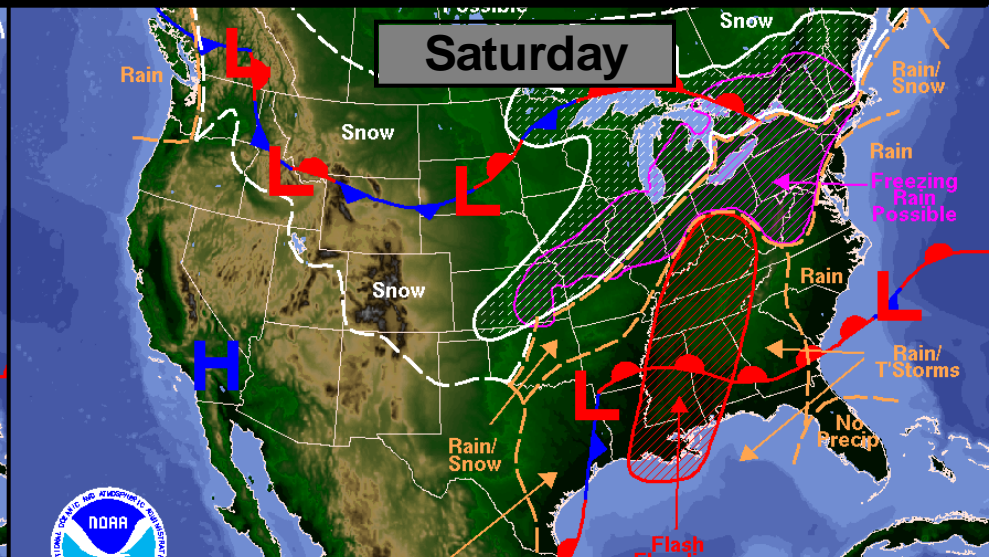
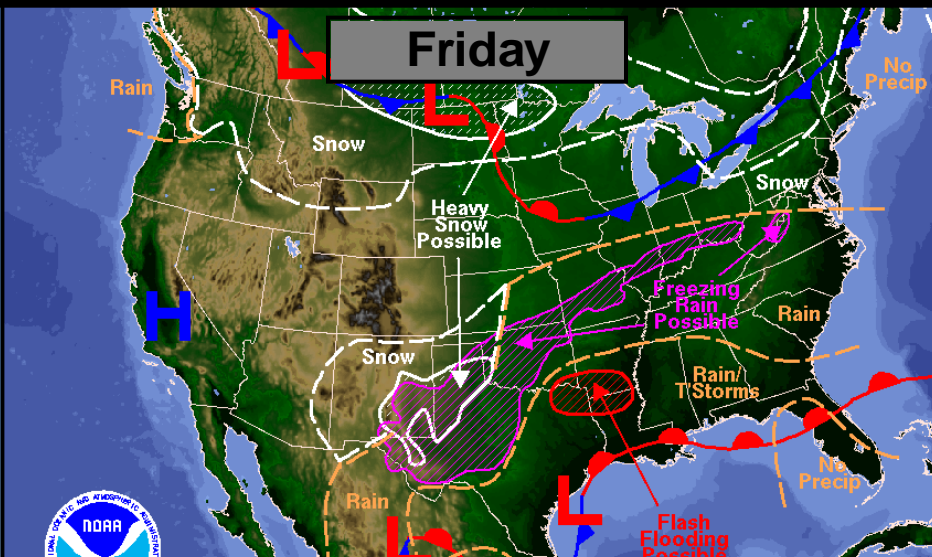
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Today's Precipitation

Thu AM - Fri AM

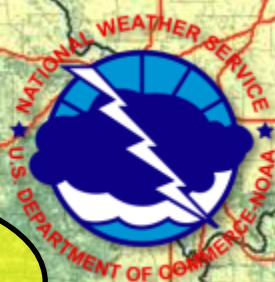


Day 2-3 Weather Maps/Precipitation



Day 2-3 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Fri - 0800 Sun



Continued
snowfall on
Friday



Some lingering light
freezing rain/sleet
possible on Friday



Strong tstms with
heavy rain
possible Friday
into Saturday

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High Threat

Moderate Threat

Slight Threat

No Discernible Threat

Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Sun - 0800 Tue



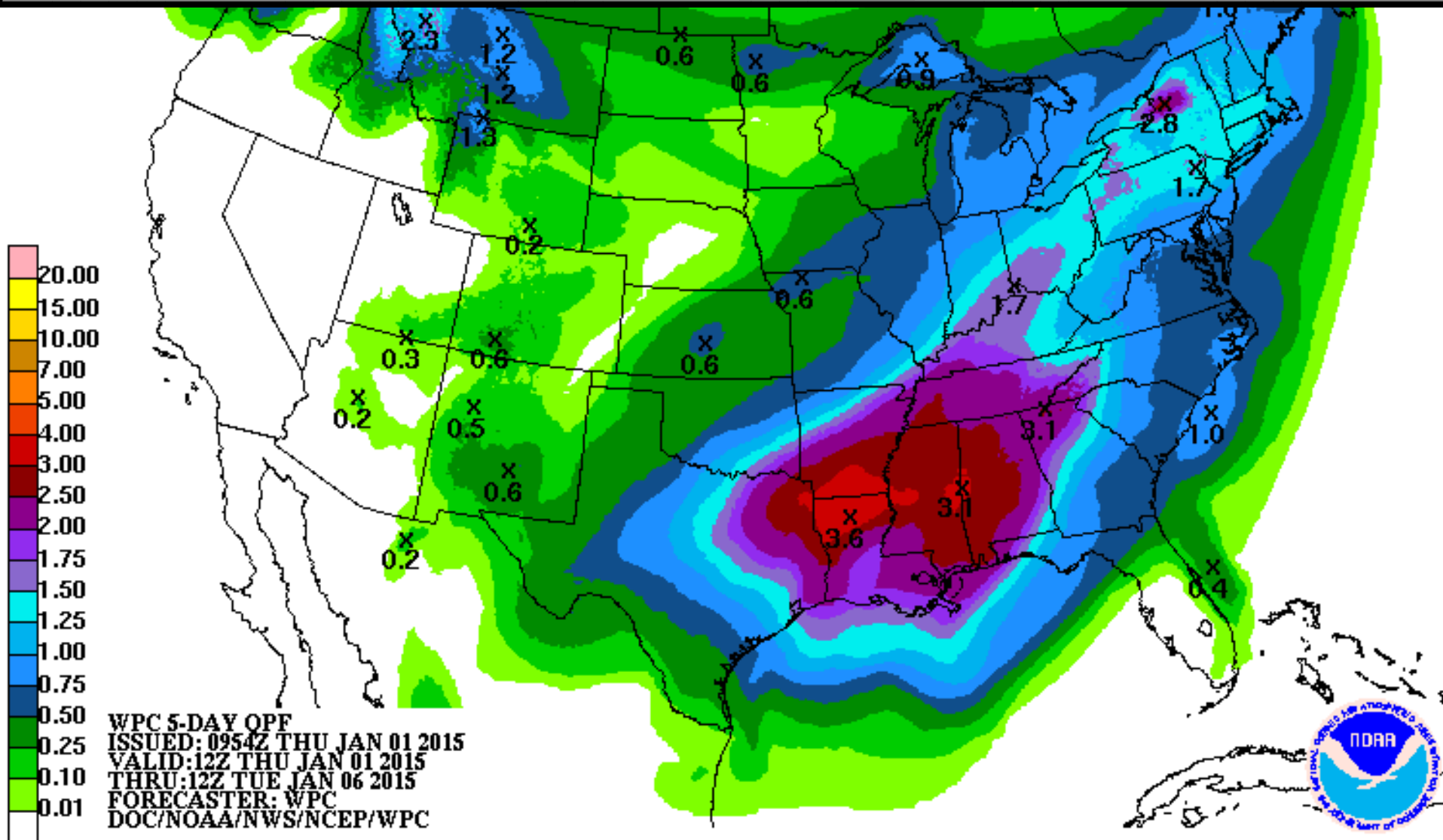
**No significant hazards
anticipated**



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5-Day Precipitation

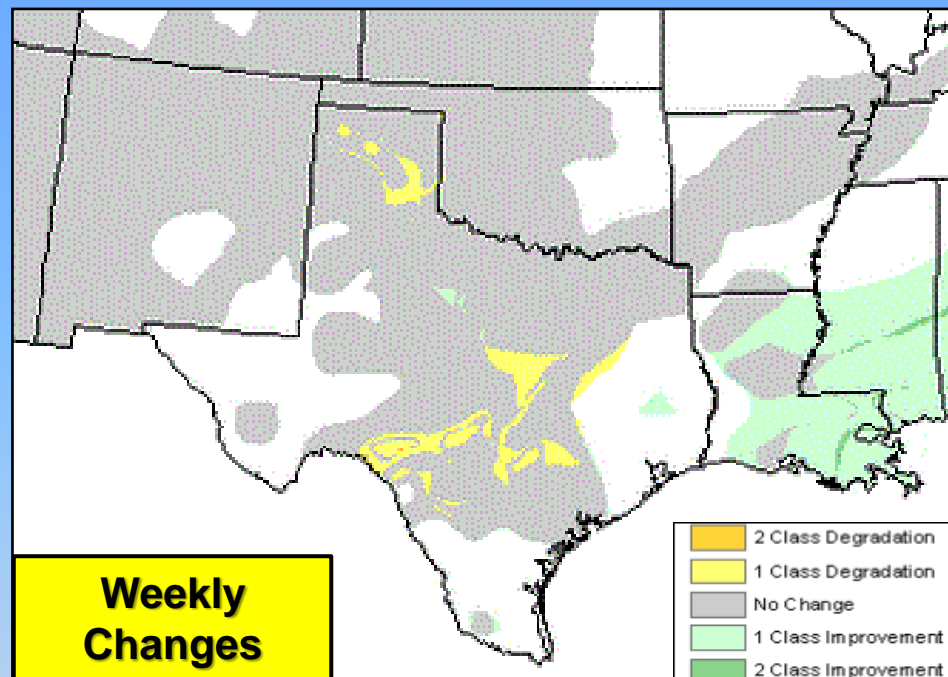
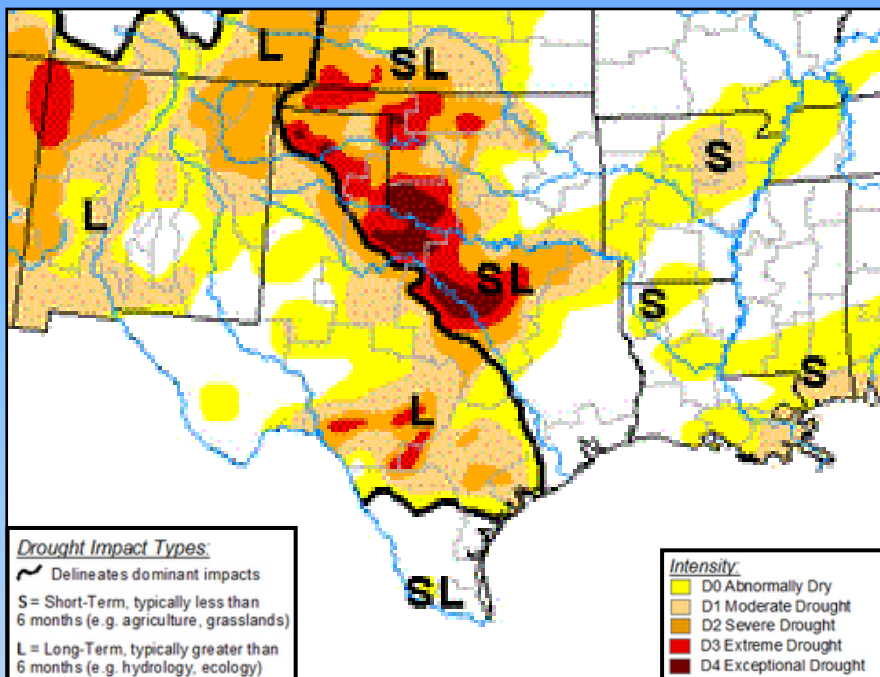
Thu AM - Tue AM





Drought Monitor Released December 31, 2014

Data valid through 7am CT on Tuesday, December 29, 2014



Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Oklahoma	21.74%	21.67%	20.92%	4.84%
Texas	11.70%	10.36%	11.26%	5.82%
New Mexico	3.70%	3.70%	8.08%	3.96%
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

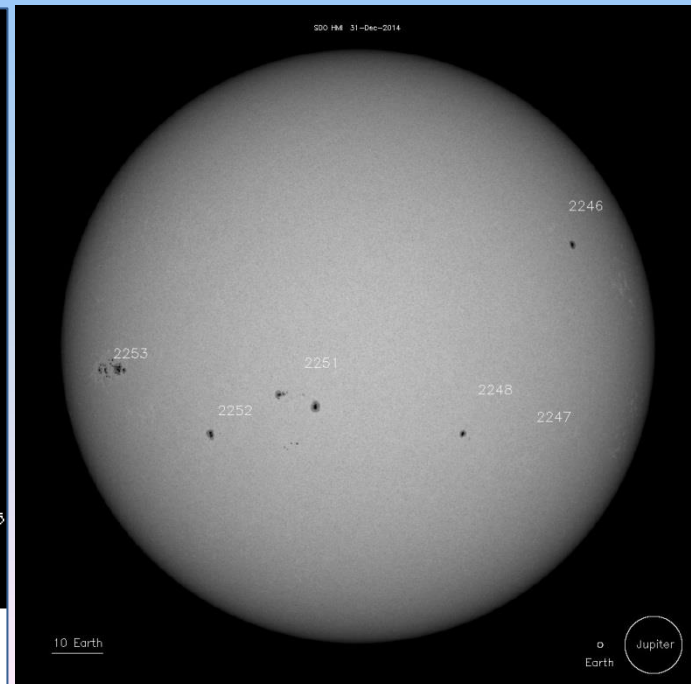
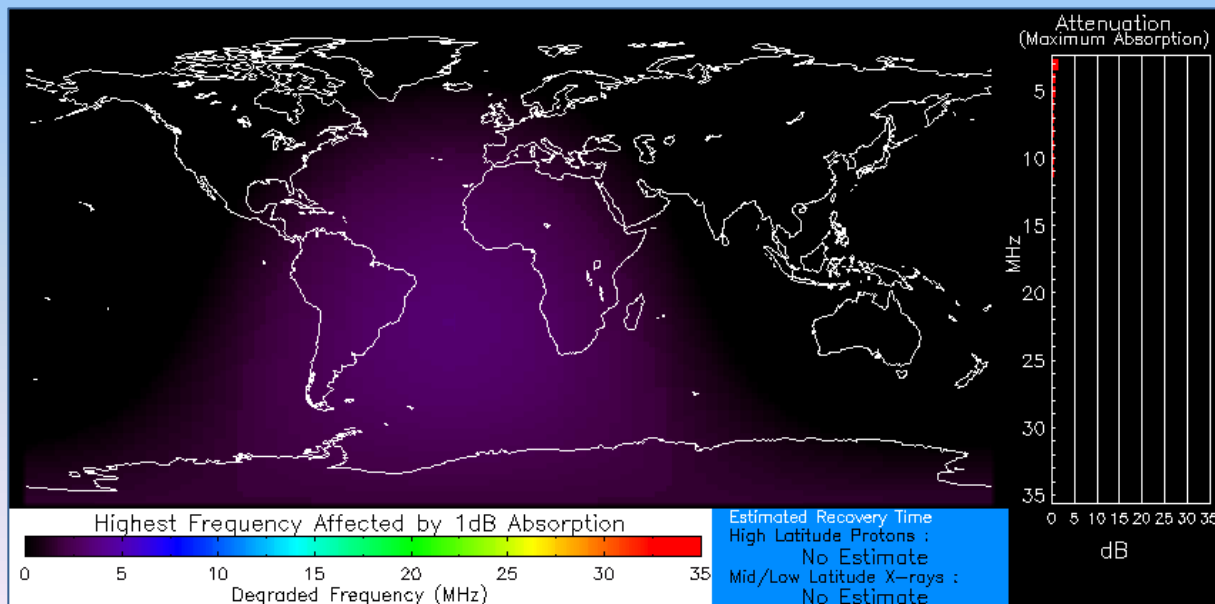
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	25%	25%	25%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%

[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)



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